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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 00-713-i19)

Inventor Application of:

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For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED  
THERE TO AND USES THEREFOR

Examiner: J. Riley

Art Unit: 1637

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated May 24, 2004. Please amend this application as shown below.

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